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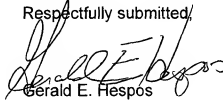
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Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement includes a copy of Form PTO-1449 that identifies one reference. The relevancy of this reference is described in paragraphs 0002-0004 of the subject application. The Examiner is requested to consider this reference during the examination and to make the reference of record.

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